



Hebron United Methodist Church
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The Pastor Ponders...

...What does it mean to know
that God has loved us from
the very beginning?

*'For I know the plans I have for you,'
declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and
not to harm you, plans to give you a hope
and a future.'* (Jeremiah 29: 11)

It has been a blessing to share with 4 of our kids as we have been working on Confirmation materials. In addition, several of our adults have shared a little about their faith as we've had some discussion about who/what God is to us and ways that we have seen God working in our lives.

We have learned that from the beginning to the end of the Bible and beyond, it's very clear that God has had a plan and a purpose for our lives. In Genesis we found out that God created us in God's image, as well as, all that is around us and called it "good." God gave us freedom to make choices, because love must be freely given and not coerced. *(continued on page 2)*

Join us for Holy Week

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

April 2, 10:30 a.m.

We will begin our Holy Week observance with an inspirational service of music and scripture, starting with the procession of the palms.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6, 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to join with members of Alden UMC and St. John's Lutheran Church for Holy Communion, and prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY

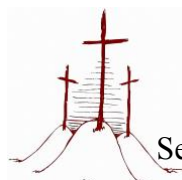
April 7, 7:00 p.m.

Service of the Shadows

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate the resurrection!



The Pastor Ponders (continued)

And, we humans, chose to rebel against God's idea of what was good for us, thus breaking the relationship that God desired for us between God, each other, ourselves, and the rest of God's creation. We call that sin. And, as the saying goes, "the consequences of sin are death." Nevertheless, God had a plan from the very beginning to restore the relationship and give us another chance, as well as the power, to live out our new life in the peace, harmony, and unity that God intended from the beginning. God saved us from our sin through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. For God so loved the world, that God gave his beloved Son Jesus, that all who have faith in the atoning/saving/justifying work that he did for us, will not die, but will have an absolutely amazing life now and in the future.

(Genesis 1: 31; Psalm 139: 13-14; Genesis 3: 15; Ezekiel 34: 11 – 16; Ezekiel 36: 26; Isaiah 53: 5; Matthew 1: 21; 2 Timothy 2: 10; and there are many more)

It has been a true Lenten blessing to reflect on parts of my faith, and, as we approach the joy of the Easter resurrection, I invite you to have the opportunity to reflect on a few Confirmation questions as well. Who is God to you (names, what God looks like)? What names do you use for God when you pray, think about God? What is God doing in your life? What does it mean to know that God has loved you from the beginning? What is separating you from God? What does it mean to confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, to trust his grace, and to promise to serve him as your Lord?

May you all be blessed as well. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!
Alleluia! ***Pastor Char***

More dates to Remember

Monday, April 3rd

Last day to order Easter Flowers

Tuesday, April 4th

Final Lenten Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 16th

Church Council 9:00 a.m.
Native American Ministries Sunday

Sunday, April 23rd

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
HUMC Bowling Fundraiser at J's Lanes

Sunday, April 30th

Noisy Can Sunday
RMN Educational Event
12:00 - 2:15 p.m.
Film: Pray Away and book discussion

April Confirmation Schedule

April 23 & 30th 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall "Loft"

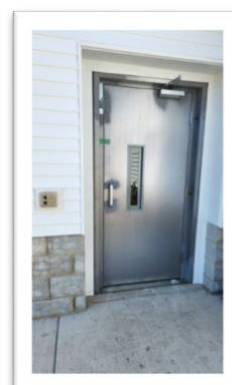
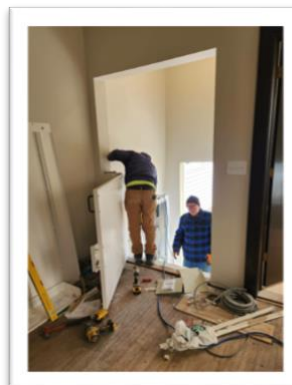
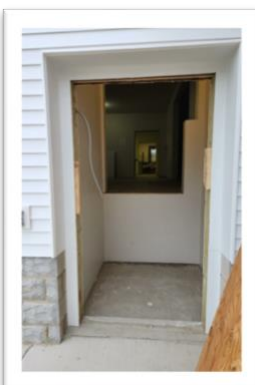


On March 5th, singer/songwriter Dan Holmes led us in worship through music and storytelling. This was a beautiful and inspiring celebration of God's love and connection with us. We were also very happy to welcome a couple visitors we hadn't seen in a long time! What a blessing it was to worship with Pastor Jim and Char Wilson again in the updated Sanctuary like we had done many years ago!



Building Committee Update

The new lift has been delivered! Installation has begun on the lift and will be completed the first week of April. The trim in the Wesley room is nearly complete and we hope to have the floor refinished within the next week. The new wall between the kitchen and the Fellowship Hall has been constructed and painted, and the entryway into the bathrooms has been widened for better accessibility. We are nearing the finish line for this project!



IT'S TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS!



Provide info below to HUMC and
send payment by April 3rd
churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org

☐ Easter Lily (\$25/ea) Qty _____

☐ Kalanchoe (\$25/ea) Qty _____

☐ Mum (\$25/ea) Qty _____

Total payment: _____

Your Name: _____

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Flowers provided by
Jenna @Ridgeview Design 630-742-7446

*Name and name of person(s) being honored or
remembered will be listed in the Easter bulletin.*

N.O.W. Team - Nurture

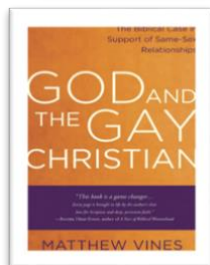
*Nothing is impossible - the word itself says
'I'm possible'!* Audrey Hepburn

These words describe perfectly what we as a church have experienced in the last several years. From finding out just before Christmas in 2016 the sanctuary was no longer safe, wondering how we could ever afford to fix all that needed to be done, being blest with donations, memorials and workers to help make that possible, to being able to make all of our church handicap accessible. To quote an old saying, "We've come a long way baby!!!" None of this would have ever happened if we did not believe in the power of prayer and know that this is what God had planned for us. We can take that same strength and share with others through visitation, communication, simple acts of kindness, sharing of our time and talents. Simple things - making a phone call, sending a card, sharing a smile, lending a hand can make a difference in everyone's life. Try it, you'll like it! In the words of one of my favorite hymns, "*In God's tenderness is found peace that passes human bounds... sing alleluia!*"

Shirlee and Alberta, Nurture



RMN Working Group



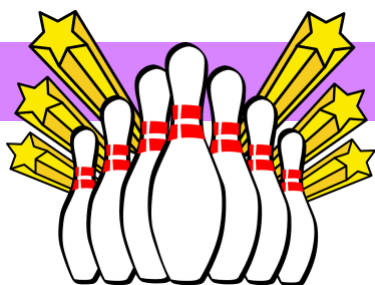
We are continuing our reconciling education program on April 30th after the worship service with a film viewing of "[Pray Away](#)". This 2020 Emmy-nominated documentary by director Kristine Stolakis, reveals the actions and effects of the "pray the gay away" movement and the stories of several LGBTQ Christians who either began or went through conversion therapy treatments through the organization called Exodus. After the film viewing, we will have a discussion about the film as well as the book we selected for our Book Club: "God and the Gay Christian" by Matthew Vines. If you would like a copy of this book, please let us know and we will order one for you. You are not required to read the book to attend this event. A light lunch will be provided. This film is rated PG-13, however we recommend ages 16+ for this event/discussion.



Cultivating Health Ministries



On March 7th our friends at St. John's hosted our first A1C/Diabetes Screening for the year 2023! We were very happy to see so many people from our community return and also some new "walk-ins" who came for the first time! We've received many wonderful comments about this ministry and we look forward to continuing these screenings and other important health programs. If you'd like to provide any feedback or if you have comments about a much-needed health program for our community members, let us know by emailing us at churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org.



Bowling Fundraiser & 50/50 Raffle!

Sunday, April 23, 2023
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
J's Lanes in Harvard

\$15 for Adults - \$12 for children (12 and under)

Includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, 2 slices of pizza and soda, cookies and 3 chances to win a "**Mystery Box**" - \$1 for each additional chance!

Additional \$10 gets you a chance to win our 50/50 Raffle

****Do not need to be present to win 50/50 Raffle****

Purchase tickets today! Email churchoffice@hebronmethodist.org

Tickets will also be available at the door. Proceeds to benefit the HUMC General Fund

**Don't Miss
This One!**

HUMC Kids

We are working on our Parables of Jesus videos which we plan on sharing on Mother's Day, May 14th, which will also be our last day of Sunday School. There is still a lot to do and a lot to learn before then! Our HUMC Kids are preparing a song to share on Easter Sunday! See you there!

Dear Lord, please hear our prayer for the following...



Sharon Smith's brother, Mike, as goes through PT
Deidre Burgar's friend, Sharon's 2 year old son,
Kian Nademanee, diagnosed with cancer
April & Paul Lucas' daughter, Ashley, recovering
from facial surgery
Marge O'Halleran in recovery from cancer
James Hampton
Karen Vipond's nephew, Mark, in recovery from
cancer; her sister, Molly, recovering from spinal
surgery
Alberta Austin and her son, Donny, experiencing
health problems
Gordie & Alice Johnson
Harold Bailey; and Juanita Bailey recovering
from a broken arm
Roy Bailey
Dick & Jeneil Border and their friend, Holly,
diagnosed with cancer
Dave Dickey
Joan O'Halleran and her niece, Heidi, for
successful cancer treatments
Dave & Joan's neighbor, Bill Hodges, for comfort
and peace as he battles cancer
Katelyn Winter Sampson
Pastor Char & Glenn's daughter-in-law, Julie, and
her family, as they deal with the effects of MS
Nora Winn at Fair Oaks Nursing Facility ***
Anyone wishing to send a card see below
Luke Moore
Our former Pastor Jim & Char and their daughter,
MaryBeth, experiencing health problems
Our former Pastor Paul & Lynn
Dorothy Peterson
Betty Garrett
Bob Garrett

We pray for all who have suffered as the result
of natural disasters.

We pray for protection and safety for all those
who defend and protect us

We pray for peace between Ukraine and
Russia. Surround those affected by this and all
conflicts with your precious love.

We pray for the victims and families of all who
have been affected by and from violence.

We pray for the return of goodwill and unity
among all people.

We pray for all those affected by illness; and we
pray for the safety of all medical staff and
personnel during the care of all patients.

We pray for our church, the Village of Hebron,
and all leaders - local, state and national; our
church leaders in Hebron, our Prairie Central
District Sup't., our Bishop and the entire UMC.

We pray for the names in our hearts that they
will be kept safe from harm. God bless us all.
Amen

*If you wish to have someone added to our
Prayer List please contact Shirlee on our
Nurture Team at (815) 648-5009 or
at offcqueen@aol.com.*

*During a mental health crisis, anyone can call
the 24-hour National Suicide Prevention
Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255. Veterans crisis line
is 800-273-7255.*

***Nora Winn, c/o Fair Oak Health Care Ctr.
471 W. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake, IL
60014

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M./Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

We livestream our Scripture Lesson and Sermon on most Sundays around 11:00 a.m. on Facebook @9811MainStreet



Opportunities to Give

We raised \$179.00 for UMCOR Sunday. Thank you! Also, be sure to check out the thank you letters we received from Red Bird Mission and The Hebron Community Food Pantry on our bulletin board at HUMC! Thank you to everyone who gave so generously! To see our full Mission Program for 2023 [click here](#). Here are the upcoming ways you can give this month:

- 1) Special Sunday April 16th - [Native American Ministries](#)
- 2) 5th Sunday April 30th - [Noisy Can/United Voices for Children](#)
- 3) Local Giving - Hebron Community Food Pantry (baskets in back of church)

[Click here](#) to give to any of these missions through HUMC.



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